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1. Coal Situation of East German Railroads
2. Experiments with Rumanian Raw Brown Coal

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1. [REDACTED] the following coal stocks, expressed in daily requirements, were available to the GDR Railroads between 20 and 23 September 1955:

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a. Railroad District	Date in September			
	20	21	22	23
Berlin	4,9	4,4	4,3	3,9
Cottbus	3,8	4,0	3,7	3,6
Dresden	3,9	3,9	3,8	3,7
Erfurt	4,8	4,6	4,6	4,5
Greifswald	4,3	4,6	4,5	4,6
Halle	3,8	3,6	3,5	3,3
Magdeburg	7,6	6,9	6,4	5,7
Schwerin	5,1	5,1	5,4	5,4
All East Germany	4,7	4,6	4,5	4,2

- b. [REDACTED] the following coal stocks, expressed in tons, were available to the GDR Railroads between 20 and 23 September:

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Date in September	Coal for Locomotives			Shop Coal	
	Hard Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes	Raw Brown Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes	Raw Brown Coal
20	43,176	29,435	10,712	26,165	25,212
21	42,442	28,762	9,841	26,112	24,887
22	41,004	29,064	9,635	26,016	24,933
23	38,922	28,793	9,126	26,042	24,717 2

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- c. [] the following amounts of coal were
daily consumed by locomotives:

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<u>Date in September</u>	<u>Tons (Briquette Units) (BU)</u>
20	21,075
21	21,747
22	21,484
23	21,803

2. During the period between 3 and 8 October 1955, experiments with Rumanian raw brown coal were made at District Heating Station South of Bwv Halle. The following data the Rumanian raw brown coal are available:

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Water content	20 percent
Ashes	43 "
Volatile components	22 "
Heating value HU	2,070 calories per kilogram
Carbon	23 percent
Sulphur	3.3 percent

1. [] Comment. Railroad coal stocks continued to decrease. Since March 1955, a new low was reached, a disquieting fact in view of the autumn peak requirements.
2. [] Comment. The hard coal proportion of total coal stocks slightly decreased from 66 percent to 64.3 percent.
3. [] Comment. The actual coal consumption generally corresponds with the fixed consumption quota of 21,510 tons (in BU). []

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